

**AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN  
EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED YOUTH CAMPS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3       (a) No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
4       without a license issued by the office. Applications for such license shall  
5       be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the opening of the youth  
6       camp on forms provided and in accordance with procedures established  
7       by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of eight  
8       hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock  
9       corporation or association, a fee of three hundred fifteen dollars or, if  
10      the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for  
11      no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are  
12      donated, no fee. All such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year  
13      from the date of issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or  
14      suspended or revoked by the commissioner for violation of this chapter  
15      or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428 and shall be  
16      renewable upon payment of an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee  
17      or, if the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a  
18      three-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp  
19      affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days  
20      duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

21      (b) On and after October 1, 2021, a licensee shall require any person  
22      who is eighteen years of age or older and a prospective employee of a

23 youth camp for a position that requires the provision of care to a child  
24 or involves unsupervised access to any child in such youth camp, to  
25 submit to comprehensive background checks, including state and  
26 national criminal history records checks. The criminal history records  
27 checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in  
28 accordance with section 29-17a. The licensee shall also request a check  
29 of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.  
30 A licensee shall not permit any such prospective employee to begin  
31 work at such youth camp until the provisions of 45 CFR 98.43(d)(4), as  
32 amended from time to time, have been satisfied. The office shall notify  
33 each licensee of the provisions of this subsection. The provisions of this  
34 subsection shall not apply to any youth camp operated by a state  
35 agency, as defined in section 1-79, provided such state agency satisfies  
36 any other requirements relating to state and national criminal history  
37 records checks applicable to employees of such state agency. Any  
38 criminal history background check conducted pursuant to this  
39 subsection shall be completed not later than five business days after  
40 receipt of the request for such background check.

41       Sec. 2. Section 10-530 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes  
42 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
43 *October 1, 2021*):

44       (a) As used in this section:

45       (1) "Child care facility" means a "child care center", "group child care  
46 home" or "family child care home" that provides "child care services",  
47 each as described in section 19a-77, or any provider of child care services  
48 under the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section  
49 17b-749;

50       (2) "Child care services provider or staff member" means any person  
51 who is (A) a licensee, employee, volunteer or alternate staff, assistant,  
52 substitute or household member of a child care facility, (B) a family child  
53 care provider, or (C) any other person who provides child care services  
54 under the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section  
55 17b-749 but does not include a person who is providing child care

56 services under the child care subsidy program (i) exclusively to children  
57 with whom such person is related, and (ii) without being issued a license  
58 to provide child care services by the Office of Early Childhood; [and]

59 (3) "Family child care provider" means any person who provides  
60 child care services under the child care subsidy program established  
61 pursuant to section 17b-749 (A) in a family child care home, as defined  
62 in section 19a-77, or (B) in a home not requiring a license pursuant to  
63 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 19a-77; [.] and

64 (4) "Youth camp" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-  
65 420.

66 (b) The comprehensive background checks required pursuant to  
67 subsection (c) of section 19a-80, subsection (c) of section 19a-87b, [and]  
68 subsection (a) of section 17b-749k, and subsection (b) of section 19a-421,  
69 as amended by this act, shall be conducted at least once every five years  
70 for each child care services provider or staff member in accordance with  
71 the provisions of 45 CFR 98.43, as amended from time to time.

72 (c) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older and applies for  
73 a position at a child care facility or youth camp in the state shall not be  
74 required to submit to such comprehensive background checks if such  
75 person (1) is an employee, volunteer or household member of a child  
76 care facility in the state, or has not been separated from employment or  
77 association as a child care services provider or staff member in the state  
78 for a period of more than one hundred eighty days, and (2) has  
79 successfully completed such comprehensive background checks in the  
80 previous five years. Nothing in this section prohibits the Commissioner  
81 of Early Childhood from requiring that a person applying for a position  
82 as a child care services provider or staff member submit to  
83 comprehensive background checks more than once during a five-year  
84 period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	19a-421
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10-530